

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

Please amend the title as follows:

~~Water Dispersible Granules for Agricultural and Horticultural Use~~ Water Dispersible
Granule

Page 1, line 2, after the title, please insert the following new paragraph:

Related Applications

This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 national stage filing of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/000491, filed 21 January 2004, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-014640 filed on 23 January 2003 in Japan. The contents of the aforementioned applications are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace three paragraphs beginning at page 4, line 9 through page 6, line 6, as follows:

Examples of agricultural chemical technical products having a melting point of 70°C or below include: N-(1,2-dimethylpropyl)-N'-ethyl-6-(methylthio)-1,3,5-triazine-2,4-diamine (common name: dimethametryn, melting point: 65°C), S,S'-dimethyl 2-(difluoromethyl)-4-(2-methylpropyl)-6-(trifluoromethyl)-3,5-pyridinedicarbothionate (common name: dithiopyr, melting point: 65°C), 2,3-dihydro-3,3-dimethyl-5-benzofuranyl ethanesulfonate (common name: benfuresate, melting point: 32 to 35°C), butyl(R)-2-[4-(4-cyano-2-

fluorophenoxy)phenoxy]propionate (common name: cyhalofop-butyl, melting point: 50°C), S-1-methyl-1-phenylethyl piperidine-1-carbothioate (common name: dimepiperate, melting point: 38.8 to 39.3°C), and the like. Examples of agricultural chemical technical products which are liquid at room temperature include 2-chloro-2',6'-diethyl-N-(2-propoxyethyl)-acetanilide (common name: pretilachlor), S-benzyl 1,2-dimethylpropyl(ethyl)thiocarbamate (common name: esprocarb), and the like.

Examples of agricultural chemical technical products having a softening point of 70°C or below include 1,1'-iminodi(octamethylene)diguanidium tris(alkylbenzene sulfonate) (common name: iminoctadine albesilate, softening point: 55 to 60°C), and the like.

The agricultural and horticultural water dispersible granule according to the present invention may further include an agricultural chemical technical product of which the melting or softening point is over 70°C. Examples of such agricultural chemical technical products include 2-isopropylphenyl methylcarbamate (common name: MIPC, melting point: 88 to 93°C), 3,5-xylyl methylcarbamate (common name: XMC, melting point: 99 to 100°C), (RS)-5-*tert*-butyl-2-[2-(2,6-difluorophenyl)-4,5-dihydro-1,3-oxazole-4-yl]phenetole (common name: etoxazole, melting point: 101 to 102°C), O-*tert*-butylphenyl 6-methoxy-2-pyridyl(methyl)thiocarbamate (common name: pyributicarb, melting point: 85.7 to 86.2°C), methyl 5-(2,4-dichlorophenoxy)-2-nitrobenzoate (common name: biphenox, melting point: 84 to 86°C), 1-(α,α -dimethylbenzyl)-3-p-tolylurea (common name: daimuron, melting point: 203°C), N,N-diethyl-3-mesitylsulfonyl-1H-1,2,4-triazole-1-carboxamide (common name: cafenstrole, melting point: 114 to 116°C), α -(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-ylcarbamoylsulfamoyl)-*o*-toluic acid (common name: bensulfuron-methyl, melting point: 185 to 188°C), 2-bromo-N-(α,α -dimethylbenzyl)-3,3-dimethylbutyramide (common name: bromobutide, melting point: 180.1°C), 1-(2-chloroimidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-3-ylsulfonyl)-3-(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)urea (common name: imazosulfuron, melting point: 183 to 184°C), 1-[2-(cyclopropylcarbonyl)phenylsulfamoyl]-3-(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)-urea (common name: cyclosulfuron, melting point: 149.6 to 153.2°C), methyl (E)-2-methoxyimino-[2-(α -tolyloxymethyl)phenyl]acetate (common name: kresoxim-methyl, melting point: 101.6 to 102.5°C), methyl (E)-2-{2-[6-(2-cyanophenoxy)pyrimidin-4-yloxy]phenyl}-3-methoxyacrylate (common name: azoxystrobin, melting point: 116°C), 5-[[2-amino-5-*O*-(aminocarbonyl)-2-deoxy-L-xylonyl]amino]-1,5-dideoxy-1-[3,4-dihydro-5-(hydroxymethyl)-2,4-dioxo-1(2H)-pyrimidyl]- β -D-allofuranuronic acid (common name: polyoxine, melting point: 160°C or above),